



# Phone Home Leather Smartphone Case from Busy Girls Guide to Sewing

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## TOOLS:

- [1-2mm \(1/8in\) bookbinder's leather 50cm \(20in\) square \(1\)](#)
- [Basic Tool Kit \(1\)](#)
- [Craft felt, 50cm \(20in\) square \(1\)](#)
- [Embroidery threads \(1\)](#)
- [Leather sewing-machine needle \(1\)](#)
- [Metal ruler \(1\)](#)
- [Sharp large-eye needle \(1\)](#)
- [Small hand embroidery loop \(padded with muslin to protect the leather\) \(1\)](#)
- [Stitching awl \(optional\) \(1\)](#)
- [Tear-away stabilizer \(such as Stitch & Tear\) 30cm \(12in\) square \(1\)](#)
- [Tweezers \(1\)](#)

## SUMMARY

From the book *The Busy Girl's Guide To Sewing* by Carrie MacLennan

Get ready to show off your basic drawing skills, your hand stitching skills and your machine sewing skills.

### Step 1 — Phone Home Leather Smartphone Case from Busy Girls Guide to Sewing



- Measure your phone, then add 5mm (1/8in) to both the length and width measurements to arrive at the dimensions you will need.

### Step 2



- Cut your leather, felt and tear-away stabilizer into 20cm (8in) squares. Cut two of leather, two of felt and one of tear-away stabilizer. You might find it easier to cut your leather using a leather or craft knife and cutting mat.

### Step 3



- With a pencil, sketch a rectangle (according to the dimensions calculated in step 1) onto the tear-away stabilizer. Add a simple line drawing of your desired motif into the rectangle, positioned just where you want it.

### Step 4



- Layer one piece of felt on the bottom, one piece of leather in the middle and the tear-away stabilizer with your drawing on it on the top and secure the fabrics into your padded embroidery hoop.

## Step 5



- Using a sharp large-eye needle and coloured embroidery thread, stitch over the outline of your drawing using a decorative running stitch. Alternatively, stitch over your drawing outline using your desired decorative stitch on your sewing machine fitted with a leather needle.

## Step 6

- Once you have finished stitching your design, un-hoop your fabric and layer the stitched pieces together with the remaining pieces of felt and leather so that the leather is on the outside.

## Step 7

- Sew the pouch along the three edges of the rectangle you have drawn onto the tear-away stabilizer leaving an opening at the top.

## Step 8



- Place your pouch onto the cutting mat. With a leather knife or craft scalpel, trim the pouch along the edge of a metal ruler leaving 2mm (1/8in) at the bottom and on each side and 1cm (3/8in) at the top. Make sure not to cut through the stitches holding the pouch together.

## Step 9



- Finally, tear away the stabilizer to reveal your stitching on the leather. Use a pair of tweezers to remove any small pieces around the intricate parts of your embroidery.

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